

Hon. Solomon Lincoln

Dear Sir

In compliance with your request I subjoin the following answers to your questions.

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1 I was born at Winchendon Worcester County, Mass.
October 20th 1783.

2nd My father's name was Moses my Mother's name before her marriage was Ruth Foster.

3. My father was the son of Abner, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Thomas who was the son of Thomas who came to this country abt. 1633. He was made a freeman 1634 and settled in Newbury near the "Old Town Hill" by Parker River. He was born 1604 & died 1682.

Last summer I visited the place where he lived. The house he lived in is now standing and in quite good repair. There is a curious tradition about it. He left two sons who were married and both occupied the ancestral house which was two stories in front and one back. After a while they thought it best to separate and the men made a bargain for one to take the old house and the other to build a new one. When the wife of the one who

was to have the old house was informed of the arrangement, She protested against it. She was not going to live in the old house, any how. and the other have a new one. The consequence was the old House was cut in two and moved about four rods apart. Fitted up and both families occupied them - and there they both stood when I was there.

4 My employment until I was about 22 years old was that of a farmer.

5. I first taught School in Princeton in 1805 in Fitchburg in 1806 in Wrentham 1806-1807 1808-1811-1812 & 1813 - in Ashby 1809. These schools were generally not more than 8 or 9 weeks duration & I usually taught two in a winter.

I commenced teaching the South Male School in Hingham May 1809 & left April 1811. I began the Little Plain School March 1813 & left July 1815.

6 July 1815

7 On leaving the school in Hingham I went to East Bridgewater and took charge of a Store and assisted in the management of a Cotton Factory until Dec 1816 when I came to this place and kept the Books of Loring, Perkins & Co until Aug 1820 when

I became interested in and took the agency of the firm of Carver, Washburn & Co whose business was the manufacture of Cotton Gens. and continued in that employment until our shop was burned in 1853 - except when absent on public business

8. I was elected to the Ho. Reps. May 1824 - 1825. 1827
1828 and Nov. 1837 & 1841. and to the Senate 1832 -
& 1833 - being the sessions of 1833 - 1834

In Nov. 1846 I was elected to Congress for the remainder of the 29th & for 30th Congress of the U. S.

I was also a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1853

9 My first Election to Ho. Reps. was by the old Republican party and afterwards by the same party under different names - say National Republican & Whig.

10 The only Town Office of any importance I have filled was Town Clerk from 1822 to 1829.

11 Answered under the 7th

12 Mr Caleb Rice preceded and Mr William Brown succeeded me in the school near the Academy. Mr Josiah Bowers was my predecessor in the Main School. I do not recollect who succeeded me there.

13 I married Deborah Linnin, daughter
of Seth and Mary Linnin Dec 2 1815 at
Hingham - She died May 2 1852

14 Caroline Augusta born June 26 1818 died
Jan'y 31 1841

Deborah Linnin born July 28 1820

Antennas born Nov 26 1822 died Dec 30 1853

Very truly Yrs

Antennas Hale

Bridgewater
April 29 1860